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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97, applicants hereby make the following
documents of record in the above-identified patent application:

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Schär et al.

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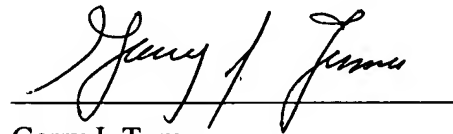
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The aforementioned documents are listed on the accompanying List Of References Cited By Applicants. Copies of the foreign patent documents are enclosed. In accordance with the revision of 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2)(ii), copies of the U.S. patent documents are not enclosed.

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OTHER REFERENCES (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

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